

HOLIDAY SPIRIT PERVADES REGION ON EYE OF XMAS

Most Folks Did Their Shopping Early and Often, Merchants Say.

TRAINS AND TROLLEYS JAMMED

**Lots of Travel This Year; Express
and Mail Matter Breaking Records
Pay Checks Bring Joy to Thousands**

or Workers; Coke Plants Celebrate

The holiday spirit is abroad in the souls of all on the Christmas Eve. Most of the shopping has been done and folks are now waiting for bed time to hang up their stockings and await the coming of the Christmas presents. It promises to be a plentiful one.

Merchants are well satisfied with the harvest. Most folks did their shopping in the afternoon and the shops were not at all conservative in their buying. Shopkeepers reiterated their statement of last year, that "the Christmas season is the best time for the useful gifts. The staples are more, and the better sale, and there is each year a decreasing need and stock of woolens and silks, and a demand for the bulk of the holiday offerings."

Connellsville got its share of the holiday business, and everyone appeared to be contented and happy. There was no contention, but observers declare that most of the buyers were merely protecting themselves by covering up expected gifts. There will be the usual expectations, probably equal to that of any previous years. There has been this year, merchants declare, a more restrained and conservative shopping. This has been encouraged as the merchant declares a customer who buys in the morning, before the signs of the season are in evidence, is not so satisfied than the late shopper.

Travel by train and trolley has been heavy. Extra coaches and extra trains have been run on the Baltimore

One big take care of the rush. Much of the travel was on the accommodation trains, and made up of shoppers for the holiday movement of folks in home for Christmas has been exceptionally heavy. Trolley travel has been particularly brisk.

Express and mail matter has taxed the resources of the railroads, the express companies and the postoffice department. The volume of mail is declared to have been greater than ever before.

The fact that the railroads and industrial concerns paid their employees this week has turned a lot of money into the hands of the men.

Industrial concerns paid their employees this week has turned a lot of money loose and most of it went into stores.

at the coldest plants tomorrow there will be a general observance of the holiday. The Union Supply Company, W. J. Rainey and other company stores in the region will furnish their usual treat.

1. Traffic on trolley and railroads was heavier today than any year since 1913. The railroads had extra cars and passenger service was increased. The Baltimore & Ohio extended sections of No. 50 and 51 wire to accommodate the hosts who were "going home for Christmas".

The West Penn made preparations for the busiest Christmas eve for number of years and this afternoon

24 extra cars were in service between Greensburg, Connellsville, Uniontown and Latrobe. Every car available was

pressed into service. Double-headed
were run wherever traffic warranted
and good schedules were main-
tained.

The flood of Christmas mail reached
its life stage today as most of
out-of-town mail had been mailed
roughly between the day before
Christmas. Everything was
in the work at the post office.
indications were that not a piece
of mail matter will lay in the office
Christmas. The force will work
it all distributed and delivered.
first slip in the smooth running
machinery of the office came last
when the mail transfer man failed

bring the bags from No. 5, on
Baltimore & Ohio railroad. This train
runs half-hourly and the train

man did not wait. The parol-
lery: men waited until 3.39, then
the train was late, and then
home. This will all the more
for the clerks today.

There is not nearly so much
this year as last but the spirit of
it is rising. The "Treasure
Chest" is being filled with
things that the "Treasure Chest"
there are more "Treasures" for the
children than ever before. All of
churches will distribute candy to
the children and some to the
members.

The Moose will entertain at 1
2,000 kiddies at the Empire. The
ladies afternoon.

The Salvation Army will have
a party for the children on
New Year's Christmas about 5
and 6.

containing Christmas food will be
tributed:

The sale of Red Cross Christmas seals took a spurt the last few days, though indications were that many would be disposed of as year.

Generous donations are being received at the Cottage State Hotel, and tomorrow the nurses and patients will partake of an elaborate luncheon. Three large turkeys donated by W. R. Scott, the grocer, and one was received from H. Horton. F. C. Rose donated gallons of ice cream.

Abstract

SOME INEQUITIES, INCONSISTENCIES AND DEFICIENCIES

In the Workmen's Compensation Law Which Need to be Adjusted.

EMPLOYEES HAVE ADVANTAGE

Not Subject to Penalty for Removal of Safety Devices, Yet Employer is Liable for the Consequences of Such Acts; The Elimination of Old Men.

Among the subjects brought to the attention of mining men at the recent session of the Coal Mining Institute of America in Pittsburgh, none possessed a more lively interest than Workmen's Compensation. The initial paper was presented by Hon. B. Smith of Pittsburgh, and was entitled, "The Meaning of the New Compensation Act on the Coal Mining Industry of Pennsylvania." An abstract followed.

As to the effects of compensation legislation generally, it may be noted that no state that has adopted a compensation law has ever gone back to the old common law basis of liability. Actual experience is very limited. It is not more than five years since state law was enacted which stood the test of the courts. But such experience as has been had indicates that while the direct cost is greater, when the cost of court trials is considered, the compensation system is cheaper in the end. And this is especially true in the case of large manufacturing concerns.

By the terms of the Pennsylvania law of 1915, the defense usually called the "common law defenses," are abrogated. This does not leave the employer entirely defenseless, as is very frequently said; but in order to hold the employer liable it is still necessary to show that the accident resulted from negligence imputable to him. That he was negligent under this act, he held responsible for all working conditions and also for the negligence of all his employees while acting within the scope of their employment.

An employer is not permitted to set around the obligation of the law by private contract or agreement with his workmen, either before or after an accident, and any such agreement is void unless it meets the provisions of the law. This release of benefits from any association or fund shall not bar recovery for compensation or damages, and the release of damages which workmen sign upon going into such benefit associations is declared to be void.

Upon the employer is placed the burden of paying the compensation law. Under the earlier compensation laws the funds were provided by joint contributions of employer and employee; but the later laws have all placed the entire cost upon the employer, who, of course, passes it on by adding it to the cost of the product.

The compensation due under the act is not liable for debts and may not be assigned, attached or levied upon. The right to compensation is given preference as a claim for unpaid wages. The law provides a method of settling the claim or agreement, which when properly entered, has the force of a judgment from the date of its filing.

Further security for payment is in the provision requiring every employer to carry insurance against the accidents for which the law gives compensation. This may be done by self insurance, with insurance or casualty companies, or in the State Workmen's Insurance Fund. If by the latter method the end of the year develops that the premiums have not been all required to pay the losses, the surplus is returned as a dividend to the subscribers. If the premiums have not been sufficient, the deficiency is assessed against the subscribers and is collectible as taxes are collected and bears interest at 15% from 30 days after notice.

The present law was understood at the time of its passage to be temporary in character, and with omissions and inconsistencies and defects which would be remedied at the next legislative session. The abolition of the Constitutional amendment would permit a compulsory law, and when some measure of experience would indicate necessary modifications.

One apparent inequity is the provision allowing an employee to choose whether he would accept the Act or not, but giving him the benefit of the abolition of the common law defenses even if he refuses to accept the Act. Under the Act an employee may refuse to accept the Act, and still the common law defenses of the employer are gone. It gives the em-

ployee an inequitable advantage, which the employer can only meet by discharging the workman.

Another very serious defect is that it imposes no penalty upon the workman who removes safety devices. An employer may provide every known safeguard; he is yet liable to a workman who, wantonly removes or disregards a safety device, unless his act amounts to "reckless indifference to danger."

An unfortunate result of the law will be the elimination of the old or unfit workmen. An employer who has to pay for accidents is not going to invite expense by hiring workmen more liable to accident because of untimely physical or otherwise. Even under present conditions it has been the practice of a number of large employers to have a physical examination made of all applicants for employment, rejecting the unfit. And under a system which imposes liability for every accident, without regard to negligence, the motives which impel such examination and rejection will be vastly multiplied.

COKE DELAYS

Causing Loss to Eastern Furnaces and Foundries: One Furnace Out.

The freight congestion on eastern railroads has reached that stage where it is seriously hampering the movement of Connellsville coke destined to points in Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the New York and the New England districts. The shipment of pig iron to consumers is suffering in a like degree. In addition to these two important articles is fast becoming the biggest factor of immediate concern to the iron and steel trades in these sections. The situation is not soon remedied. It will result in much inconvenience, if not positive loss, to the furnace interests in the east, which have been in the coal and coke business for many years.

The Oxford, N. J., furnace which has been bunked several times recently because of coke hold-ups, went through this procedure again the past week. At least one eastern Pennsylvania furnace may be obliged to wait within a few days and several others are on the verge of doing so. Some furnaces which were about to blow in have delayed resumption of blast because of the coke situation. Frequent movement and prompt deliveries.

The railroads are making heroic efforts to relieve the congestion. They are holding out the hope that they may be able to do so within about three weeks. From present indications many plants dependent upon coke for their fuel will meantime suffer very keenly.

A NEW MERGER

Humor at Cleveland Connects Dinner With a Hilarious Combination.

The latest merger story emanates from Cleveland where it is stated that another combination of independent steel companies is being talked of to complete with the proposed Youngstown Sheet & Tube, Jackson-Latta-Camden merger. Itself still in the "hypothetical" stage, The Pennsylvania Steel Company is said to be identified with the rumored negotiations in connection with which also is suggested the purchase of the Republic Iron & Steel Company.

The consummation of such a plan would form a new corporation with a plant at Youngstown, a foothold at Buffalo, through the Denver Steel Company, Ltd., formerly the New York State Steel Company, and in the east, the Pennsylvania Steel Company, with works at Steelton, Pa., would afford a place of vantage on the Atlantic coast through its subsidiary, the Maryland Steel Company, which has a ship-building department.

This story has not been confirmed in any particular, and in fact is widely contradictory to the policy of the public Iron & Steel Company, as expressed by Chairman John A. Topping when he said some days ago that his company was not included in any merger negotiations.

CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller and two children of near Fairmont, W. Va., arrived here yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Farnell.

J. L. Sellers was a business visitor at Somerset yesterday. A. B. Shlager of Johnson Chapel was a recent business visitor in town. Miss Mary Kate Davis is improving slowly from her recent illness.

P. E. Vincent of Brooks was here yesterday on business. J. H. McDowell was in Connellsville yesterday on business.

J. T. Huff of Elmport was transacting business in town yesterday. William Hume of near Fairmont, Pa., was visiting friends in town yesterday.

Classified ads. one cent a word. Miss Florence Coughenour, a student in the Connellsville schools, arrived here yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. C. Coughenour.

J. C. Colborn of Somerset is in town transacting business. Calvin Davis of Lebanon left yesterday for Kansas City, near which place he will visit relatives for some time.

James Coughenour, a student in Bethany College, arrived home yesterday for his Christmas vacation which he will spend with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Coughenour, south of town.

Charles Thomas of Connellsville is visiting his sisters, Mrs. E. B. Bender here at present.

Catching Cold

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LOCAL OFFICIALS INSPECT ENGINES TO BE USED HERE

Master Mechanic and Roundhouse Foreman Pay Visit to Keyser.

NOTE THE CHANGES NECESSARY

Baltimore & Ohio Records Show Road Leads Others in Keeping Local Trains on Time; Frank Hughes Makes Fast Run from Cumberland.

Master Mechanic T. E. Miller of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad here, and Roundhouse Foreman, Joe, were in Keyser yesterday afternoon looking at the big type engines that are to be put into use on this division before long. None of these engines have ever been brought here before. The Altoona being the latest in one on the Connellsville division, excepting the Mallet helpers.

There are 22 of the big engines stored at Keyser awaiting shipment here. The locomotives have formerly been used on the Cumberland division of the road, but have not been in use there for some time.

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CAR ORDERS COMING

According to reports the Pennsylvania railroad which several weeks ago ordered for 5,000 steel cars and 1,000 flat cars, is now in the market for 10,000 cars. The French government is also in the market for cars and will probably close an order for 4,000 cars at the end of this month. Estimates show that the freight car industry for the current year is placed at 135,000 cars as compared with 100,000 in 1914 and with 225,000 in 1912.

RUNNING ON TIME

According to figures by J. H. Keyser, general superintendent of transportation of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, given at a recent operating meeting, the Baltimore & Ohio road was shown to have a larger percentage of trains on time than other local roads. In December 1914, the railroad made a record run between Cumberland and Connellsville yesterday morning. With Engineer Frank Hughes of Pittsburgh at the throttle, the train came over the mountains in 2 hours and 9 minutes. The regular running time of the train is 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, who has been ill for several months and who has undergone several minor operations, presided at a meeting of the board held at Philadelphia yesterday.

Harvey B. Ross, a well known glazier of the Pennsylvania railroad, living at Juniata, has been promoted to the position of traveling engineer in the Altoona yard. His new duties will be to instruct firemen and engineers in a general way as to their duties and to look after the motive power in the yard.

Employees at the station of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad claim that J. E. Ryland, a clerk in the trainmaster's office, must carry a horse shoe or a flat foot around with him. Yesterday changes were taken on a Tuesday being given away and Ryland was in. He took a chance on one Thanksgiving turkey and won it also.

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WINNERS WIN BOUTS

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ACQUINTED BY ASSAULT. The third member of Company B, 25th Pennsylvania Volunteers, to die within two weeks was Peter Sull of near Fairmont, who died on Wednesday night. He was 40 years, 31 months old and made his home with his son Frank and daughter Sarah on the farm. A fine soldier from there will give him military funeral, very fitting to this Civil War veteran, on Christmas day. Funeral services will be held at the Mount Lebanon Church and interment will be made in the Mount Lebanon cemetery.

A very nice program for the Christmas entertainment was given at the United Presbyterian Church last evening. The program was interspersed with songs, recitations and solos. At the conclusion of the very interesting program a treat was given, every member of the Sunday School.

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday School held their Christmas entertainment in the church last evening. A very nice program was rendered, the numbers including recitations, songs and duets.

Miss George Colborn of New Kensington is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Page.

MYERSDALE, Dec. 23.—The annual holiday dance given by the young men of Myersdale will be held at the Summer Garden next Monday evening. The committee on arrangements consists of Fred E. Rowe, Jr., Claude B. Steeter and Charles H. Clark.

Miss Fannie Thomas, a teacher in Chicago, Ill., and Miss Grace Thomas, teaching in the high school at Tusculum, Tenn., will arrive home tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Diehl.

Alfred Dahl, who for the last year has been working in Detroit, Mich., arrived today for a two weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dahl.

Miss Rebecca and Evelyn Truesel, members of the high school faculty in Bellevue, are home with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Truesel.

Miss Mae Diehl will leave tomorrow for Bedford, where she will spend Christmas with her mother and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hammond of Cumberland, Md., are here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

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VANDERBILT

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Byron Leights of Dunbar township, was a caller in town yesterday.

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and she was hollow-eyed—but oh, how bravely her brown eyes looked at me! How pitiously brave!

Again I fell to chafing her hand and to moving her arms up and down, and about until she could thrash them herself. Then I compelled her to stand up, and though she would have been half-dead, I did not support her, I forced her to walk back and forth the several steps between the chair and the stern wheels, and finally to spring up and down.

"Oh, you brave, brave woman," I said, when I saw the life coming back into her face. "Did you not know me?"

"Here he comes now," she whispered. I glanced up. He was strolling leisurely along the poop on the port side.

"Take no notice of him," I whispered. "He's coming to see how we know." Don't let him know that we know. We can deny him that satisfaction. Take off your shoes—that's right—and carry 'em in your hand."

And then, we played hide-and-seek with the blind man. As he came up the port side we slipped past on the starboard side.

He must have known, somehow, that we were on board," he said. "Gordon was very confident, and I waited for the creature to be returned. Then he stroiled at, and we slipped forward.

"Oh I know, you're aboard," he said. "I said so, and I could see him listen intently. And he had spoken."

It reminded me of the great ghostly, listening after its booming cry, or the stir of its frightened prey. But we did not stir, and we moved forward as the creature, hand in hand, picked up a couple of children and walked in disgust, left the deck for the water. There was glint in my eyes.

we put on our flippers in our mouths, and we crawled out, and we clambered over the side into the boat. And we looked into Maud's clear brown eyes forgot the evil he had done, and I only that I loved her, and that because she loved me, she was mine with all her way back to the world."

CHAPTER XXX.

For two days Maud and I ranged to sea and explored the beaches in quest of the missing. And I thought I was not till the third day that I found them, all of them, the others included, and at all perilous places, in the eastern promontory of the grim south-western island. At the dark end, and how we returned, exhausted, to our cave, towing the mainmast, broken, and we had been compelled to row in a state of calm, practically dry inch of the sea.

Another day of heart-breaking and stormy low saw us in camp with the topmasts to leeward. The following morning I departed, and I went, together the forenoon, to the main boom, and the fore, and the aft. The wind was favorable, and I thought to tow them back to the main boom, and the fore, and the aft, and our progress with it was a snail's pace. I was about to give up, and to make the men worse, the wind sprang up, and pulled in the cars and bent over to the line, which held the tow, and the hand leaped out, restraining to mind. "I am beggared," I said. "I am useless," I answered. "Here I am, and the wind blowing us away from the land." "I think, Humphrey, if we can sail away on the Ghost, we may be on for years on the island—for the Ghost has never been discovered all these years, it may never be discovered."

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"How long and warm
 but I found my length time
 and chafe her hands, feet to
 the circulation. And she
 with me not to cast of the
 About three in the morning
 caught by a cold cramp, and
 and rubbed her out of that she
 the numb. I was frightened.
 The numb made her row.
 it was so weak. I thought
 it at every stroke.
 broke, and we looked long
 growing light for our island.
 on showed, small and black, on
 on, fully fifteen miles away.
 in the sea with my glasses
 in the air that I could see
 on the water, which grew
 looked at it.
 I cried in a husky
 I not recognize as my own
 led to reply, but could not

"I never used to be," she answered.

"I was never brave till I knew you."

"It is you who have made me brave."

"Nor I, until I know you," I answered.

She gave me a quick look, and again I caught that dancing, tremulous light and something more in her eyes. But it was only for the moment. Then she smiled.

"It must have been the condition," I said; but I knew she was wrong, and I wondered if she likewise knew. Then the wind came, fair and fresh, and the boat was soon laboring

"The start of all things was 'I'm a mechanical engineer and in that time I accomplished what I wished with my mechanical mind. I would have done in as much time as it took to learn my tools to begin with, every simple mechanical principle which such a man would have had to learn. I could have likewise done it in half the time of three days and a weekend which would have been the case if I had not been so stupid."

"It never gave the satisfaction the windmill had given, but it worked half as well as my work possible."

"I then got the two topmasts and the yard and the measure (and the rigging) and the rigging (and the rigging) and before. And that night I got on board and on deck beside my Maud, who refused to stay with me. I went to the forecabin. I saw Larsen had been listening with my repairing the windmill. I talked with Maud and me upon indifferent subjects. No reference was made of the matter either the destruction of the windmill or the rigging."

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short. All my work had been for nothing. But I no longer dwelled in the old way. I was acquiring confidence in the possibility of success in the most difficult and laborious, obscure and isolating task. There was a way in which it could be done and it remained for me to find that way.

While I was considering the problem, Wolf Larson came on deck. We noticed something strange about him at once. The indecisiveness, or feebleness, of his movements was more pronounced. "His walk was actually

We went up to him, but he seemed unconscious, breathing spasmodically. I took charge of him, lifting his head to keep the blood out of it and dispatching me for a pillow. I also brought blankets, and we made him comfortable. I took his pulse. It beat weakly and strong, and was quite normal. This puzzled me. I became suspicious.

"What if he should be feigning this?" I asked, still holding his wrist.

Maud shook her head and there was reproot in her eyes. But just then the door opened and a man leaped from my hand, and the hand clasped about my wrist. I felt a cold shiver about my wrist. I cried aloud in my wild fear, a wild inarticulate cry, and caught one glimpse of his face, man-

Free Hand Went to My Throat.

stant and triumphant, as he other- and compassed my body and I was tumbled down to him in a terrible grip. My face was released, but his other hand passed around my back, held me at my arms, so that I could not move. His free hand went to my throat for the next moment. I knew the bitter, icy touch of death when by one's fidelity.

My face was against his chest, and I did not see, but I heard Maud turn and flit swiftly along the deck. Evidently was happening quickly, and I did not yet had a glimmering of my delusion, and it seemed that a few more brief periods of time was lapsing before I could get my feet flying again.

And just then I felt the whole of me sink under me.

My feet's footstep were very near as I heard Maud's flutter, for the last time my three hands were on me.

[illegible]

freely. I felt strangely light as I came on deck, although a weight had been lifted from my shoulders. I felt, also, that Maul and I had drawn more closely together. And I wondered if she, too, felt it. As we walked along the deck side by side to the more staid foremast-hung in the beam.

CHAPTER XXXI

At once we lay down along the

"And worse than that. My whole right side is affected. It seems as if I cannot move arm or leg."

"Fighting again!" I demanded angrily.

He shook his head, his stern mouth smiling the stranger's, twisted smile. "It was indeed a twisted smile, for it was on the left side only, the facial muscles of the right side moving not at all."

"That was the last play of the Wolf," I said.

"Walk again. Oh, only on the right," he said, as though divining the supposition I was forming at the left leg, the knee of which had been drawn up and elevated the blank of the unfortunate," he continued.

"I liked to have done for you first, but I thought I had had much time in me."

"But how can you account for the—"

[illegible]

her as much as possible.
 "I shall smile no more," he
 him: "I thought, something
 my right cheek has been
 thing. Yes and I've had won-
 thing. Three days ago, I
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 "Sometimes arm or hand
 "Is leg or foot?"
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ing his soul in darkness and at-
tending, bleeding it from the world
which to him had been a nightmare.
"No more would he conjugate the
"to do" in every mood and tense.
"be" was all that remained to him
because he had defied death, with
movement; to will, but not to ex-
ist; to think and reason and the
of him to be as alive as ever in
the flesh to be dead, quite dead,
and yet, though I even removed the
because we could not adjust our
selves to his condition. Our minds
rebelled. To us he was full of poten-
cy. We knew not what to expect
in the next, what fearful thing, rising
from the flesh, he might break out
into. Our experiences warranted the
state of mind, and we went about
to work with anxiety always upon
us.

He had solved the problem which had
troubled me through the shortness of
the day that I saw the form at
the desk and proceeded to square
up to it, to fit the step. Here I was
physically awkward. I sawed and
chiseled and chiseled, the weathered
flesh hid the appearance of hav-
ing been gnawed by some gigantic
cat. It fitted.

"I'll work. I know it will work,"
said John, Doctor Jordan's final
truth? "Maud asked
about my head and paused in the

...ing the shavings which
...tted down my neck.
... we make it work." Can we
...ur lives to it?" he said.
... is a favorite of yours." I told
... I dismantled my old Pan
... on him, out Napoleon and
... and their fellows, straightway
... a new "Pantheon," she an-
... a grave, "and the first I in-
... was Doctor Jordan."
... modern hero."

"A greater" became modern.
... How can the Old World
... compare with ours?"
... took my head. We were too
... like in many things for argu-
... Our point of view and out-
... at least were very like.
... pair of critics we agree fa-
... shipwright and able assist-
... laughed back. "I wish
... ere was little time for laugh-
... ome days, want of our heavy
... d, of the awfulness of World
... living death."

... needed another stroke. He
... his voice to me, as I was fong-
... ously interrupted out of it. As
... d it, the wires were like the
... ket, now up, now down. Oc-
... the wires were up and he
... all as ever, though slowly
... ing him. His speech would
... ed him. In the middle of a
... perhaps, and for hours, some-
... would wait for the connec-
... reestablished. He com-
... pain in his head, and
... the light.

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Many women rush home all tired out, with a splitting headache and a general case of "nerves." There's an air of "gloom" in the household.

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system of communication
a time when speech should
altogether—one pressure of
the tongue, two for "no." It
was, that it was arranged, for
his voice had gone from him,
resources after that, he an-
swers questions, and when he
speak, he "screwed" his
with his left hand, quite leg-
sheet of paper.

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Consumers Forehand in
Accumulating Coke
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FREIGHT SITUATION IS BAD

Tight Embargo on New England Trade
by Regular Channels is Announced.
Much Coke Being Held in Transit.
Truck Closes Its Coke Option.

Special to The Weekly Courier.
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—Since the sharp advance in prompt furnace coke reported in week ago still has been paid, the highest price involved in an authorized sale being \$3.65. The coke is being sold only about a dozen cars, but it is interesting to show the extreme reached on the movement, or at least the extent of the market, and if the demand had been for a larger tonnage it is possible a still higher price would have been paid.

There are limited offerings of spot furnace coke at \$3.50, which seems to establish the top of the quotable market for today, but a change of 50 cents over night is a common occurrence these days. There are some bids at \$3.60, but these do not bring out any coke.

The demand for spot furnace coke is relatively limited, as consumers have endeavored to be forehanded in accumulating coke either on route or at destination, demerage having to be paid in the latter case. Shippers of coke are as much afraid of the Christmas holidays as are consumers and the majority of shippers have been making a strenuous effort to load up their customers and thereby avoid any complaint. In a few instances shippers claim they have already shipped consumers all the coke to which they are entitled on present contracts, expiring December 31.

The freight situation has grown worse in the past week. There is a tight embargo on all coke destined for New England by the regular routes and shippers have been trying to get around this by shipping on devious routes, irrespective of how much higher the freight might be. In some instances they have struck the obstacle of a railroad having no published rate on coke.

While shipments from ovens have been particularly heavy in the past fortnight the receipts at furnaces have not been equal by any means, as coke is being held up in transit at various points. In some cases coke is being held up for a week without being weighed, although the sales were not to take away.

Primary coke of high grade for guaranteed spot shipment has brought \$4.00 a ton for a week just, although the sales at this figure have been rather light. There have been other sales at \$3.50 and \$3.75, according to grade and time of shipment.

The sharp advance in prompt coke has had many operators request higher prices on contracts than have recently been quoted, while the same influence has discouraged buyers from coming into the market just at the moment. The great bulk of the furnace coke for the first part of the new year has already been bought, but there is a little tonnage yet to be covered. The buyers are disposed to shorten the delivery period they would contract for, in the event of a higher price, and a definite shortage appears to be expected.

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COKE TRADE SUMMARY

The Connelleville coke trade is suffering from the embargo on Eastern business and the short supply. Perhaps it would be more accurate to state that consumers of spot coke are suffering from these conditions, since owing to their prices have advanced as high as \$3.65 for furnace and \$4 for foundry.

FINISHED STEEL MARKET TAKES ON HOLIDAY QUIET

Ballasted Embargo on Iron, Steel, Coal
and Coke from the Pittsburgh and
Connellsville Regions.

Special to The Weekly Courier.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

The finished steel market has turned very quiet this week but the quietness is evidently merely a holiday effect, as fundamentally the market seems stronger than ever, deliveries having to get and prices showing a continued advancing tendency.

The stoppage of iron, steel, coal and coke shipments outward from Pittsburgh has become almost complete. The Pennsylvania railroad has embargoed all shipments intended for lighters at Jersey City or Newark, and all coke shipments for New England, also all coal for shipment east from Pittsburgh or Connelleville except for the coal needs, and fuel for the New Haven road. The Baltimore & Ohio restrictions are almost as great.

Instead of the iron and steel embargo curtailing production in the central west or causing a surfeit in shipments to domestic consumers, the domestic shipments have simply been correspondingly increased and the material is slowly taken by consumers.

As have already estimated, at least 25% of the finished steel produced in October was shipped for export, either direct or indirect through the medium of manufacturers, shippers, etc. Undoubtedly the domestic proportion of shipments is now considerably more than 75%.

Wire products advanced \$2 a ton on Tuesday, making \$22.10 per ton. The last six advances have been at average intervals of 24 days. Export mills are bringing an average of 50 cents a ton above the advanced domestic price and a famine in mills is predicted. Black sheets are up to \$2 a ton to 2.50c. Bars, plates and slabs, now nominally 1.50c, will likely advance after January 1st, when export third quarter contracts will probably be accepted in a limited way.

Pig iron prices continue to advance by 50-cent increments. In the face of tight buying, and a definite shortage appears to be expected.

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Water time is the time to buy a
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"The Roman" is a 1915 model.
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Ford, Touring & Runners, \$1200 up
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We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and earnestly
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SMITHFIELD, Dec. 24.—J. K. Solz-
feld of Middletown, Va., was a
business visitor here yesterday.

Mrs. Clarence Jones visited rela-
tives at Little Falls, W. Va., on Wed-
nesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Costello were
Middletown shoppers yesterday.
Miss Nancy Shaw of Nicholson
township, was a thorough shopper
yesterday.

Earl Deffenbaugh of Bowwood, was
a business visitor here yesterday.
Robert Waring left for Akron, O.,
yesterday where he has secured em-
ployment.

C. D. Crow was a Uniontown busi-
ness visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Neill will spend
Christmas with relatives at Point
Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson of
Orient, will spend over Christmas with
relatives here.

CONNELLSVILLE MAN'S LUCKY FIND

Will Interest Readers of The Courier.
Those having the misfortune to suffer
from backache, urinary disorders,
gravel, dropsical swellings, rheumatic
pains, or other kidney and bladder
disorders, will read with gratification
this encouraging statement by a Con-
nelleville man.

H. O. Blackburn, carpenter, 314 W.
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had gravel when a boy. I was oper-
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trouble for years. I then began to
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GET VOTES BACK

Adams County, Election Commission
Term of Disfranchisement.

By Associated Press.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23.—Through
laps of five years, the term for which
they were disfranchised, the right of
suffrage has been automatically re-
stored during this month to about
1000 male residents of Adams county,
Ohio, according to calculations by
state officials.

The development that elections in
Adams county for years had been
corrupt came in 1910, when whom-
soever was returned in the com-
mon pleas court, presided over by
Judge A. Z. Blair, at West Union.

For several weeks the roads of
Adams county were thronged with
rural residents who made their way
to the county seat town, con-
fessed to Judge Blair the truth of in-
dications which charged them with
having sold their vote upon election
day, and received the usual sentence
of a nominal fine and disfranchise-
ment for five years.

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